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Dear Mr. Morgan,

It is kind and thoughtful of you to devote the time required by your letter, and I do appreciate and thank you for it. We are, of course, in accord on the things of which you comment. You have seen things most others have not, and you see them clearly. I wish I had the time to answer as you deserve. However, I have spent the pst five hours and 20 minutes answering letters and mailing out copies of Whitewash. While both are things I like to do, they seriously crimp my working time, and I have by no means lost my interest in the subject. I have, as a matter of fact, what I believe to be new and major discoveries.

It is my personal opinion that while the members of the Commission at the very least must have had doubts, the real blame must fall on the staff. Epstein became their creature, their vehicle for seeking self-justification. Any one not satisfied, any one feeling his honor or that of the country in jeopardy, need but have resigned. None did. And so did Knebel, of the other side, in his slippery "answer".

That Canadian publisher shocked me, too, and a number of those who have read the book. Several Americans said as much. What an indictment of U.S. publishers that then none and now almost none will touch the subject. From your own experience and that of your father you understand this. Yet we try, and to a degree we succeed. Your father did, and now I am beginning to feel as though I am. And to a degree people stop and think. Everything in a society such as ours is or we want it to be must begin with this.

I believe I have broken the ice of this taboo. Only time will tell. I have already had (and rejected as unacceptable) an offer for paperback. Perhaps there will yet be one I can accept.

Should any bookstores in your area, or at the college, be interested, we offer them the book under normal commercial arrangements. The largest distributors do stock it, and one made me very happy this morning ~~by~~ phoning to order an additional 500. I may yet pay the printer!

From the opening of your letter, I expected a reference to "The False Oswald". Does not this and perhaps several other chapters relate to what you did say.

Again, thank you very much for writing. If you have any further suggestions or comments, I'll certainly welcome them.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg